

## Message Text

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USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SREF  
SUBJECT: VARTANOV FAMILY

REF: STATE 246008

1. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE GOG WOULD PERMIT TRANSIT INVOLVING THE TRANSFER OF THE FAMILY DIRECTLY TO A COMMERCIAL FLIGHT FOR THE US AT ATHENS AIRPORT. IN GIVING PERMISSION TO REFUEL, TZOUNIS MADE IT CLEAR HE WAS DOING SO ON THE ASSUMPTION THE FACT THE VARTANOVs HAD TRANSITED GREECE WOULD NOT BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND THAT IF IT DID THE GOG WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE A PLAUSIBLE DENIAL IT KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THE MATTER. ANY KIND OF TRANSFER HERE WOULD REQUIRE DOCUMENTATION OF THE TRAVELERS BEING PRESENTED TO GREEK AUTHORITIES AND WOULD CREATE EXACTLY THE KIND OF SITUATION THE GOG SEEKS TO AVOID.

2. ASIDE FROM GOG SENSITIVITIES BECAUSE OF THE LIKELY SOVIET REACTION, IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT NOTHING LEAK OUT ABOUT THE TRANSITING OF THE VARTANOVs THROUGH GREECE BECAUSE OF THE DIRECT IMPACT THIS WOULD HAVE ON OUR CURRENT BASE NEGOTIATIONS. IN FACT WE FORESEE SERIOUS PROBLEMS SHOULD WORD ABOUT THIS BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND THE GOG DENY HAVING GIVEN ITS PERMISSION OR KNOWN ABOUT IT.

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3. IN ORDER TO AVOID POSSIBLE CONFUSION, WE WOULD LIKE TO  
SUGGEST THAT ALL TIMES BE GIVEN INTERMS OF GREENWICH (ZULU)  
TIME. FOR EXAMPLE, GREECE IS ON SUMMER TIME (I.E. ZULU  
PLUS THREE INSTEAD OF THE NORMAL ZULU PLUS TWO) AND THIS IS NOT  
COMMONLY KNOWN.  
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